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Report on activities for effective participation in the work of the Committee

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Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. In its decision SC-7/15, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants requested the Secretariat to continue to undertake activities to support parties and others to participate effectively in the work of the Committee as listed in decision POPRC-10/7.

2. In its decision POPRC-10/7, the Committee invited the Secretariat to continue its activities related to supporting effective participation in the work of the Committee, subject to the availability of resources, including the organization of webinars, training and online meetings on topics related to the work of the Committee; and the organization of workshops and other face-to-face activities to build the capacities of parties and of training-of-trainers activities. Such activities may be carried out with the support of former and current Committee members, where possible, regional centres, regional networks and the regional offices of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

II. Implementation

3. As part of the technical assistance programme of the Stockholm Convention (see UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/17), the Secretariat organized face-to-face training activities at which members of the Committee were invited to share information and experiences with one another, with members of the Chemical Review Committee of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and with other national stakeholders. A list of workshops organized and planned by the Secretariat is provided in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.11/INF/13. Further information on workshops to enhance effective participation in the work of the Committee is also available on the Convention website.[1]

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[1] http://chm.pops.int/TheConvention/POPsReviewCommittee/WorkshopsandWebinars/tabid/419/Default.aspx.

4. The Secretariat also held a series of webinars on topics related to the work of the Committee. Some of the webinars contributed to the work on enhancing cooperation and coordination among the scientific subsidiary bodies of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. Following each webinar, a recording of the presentation, along with questions and answers, was posted on the Convention website.[2] The webinar topics are also listed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.11/INF/13.

III. Proposed action

5. The Committee may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee

1. *Invites* the Secretariat to continue its activities related to supporting effective participation in the work of the Committee, subject to the availability of resources, including:

(a) The organization of webinars, training and online meetings on topics related to the work of the Committee;

(b) The organization of workshops and other face-to-face activities to build the capacities of parties and of training-of-trainers activities, with the support of Committee members, regional centres, regional networks and the regional offices of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(c) The facilitation, in cooperation with members of the Committee and the regional centres, of the development of pilot projects to stimulate the active involvement of different stakeholders in the work of the Committee, such as the academic community, research institutes and universities;

(d) The development of tools to facilitate the sharing of information and resources to support the effective participation of parties and others in the work of the Committee, including, for example, the development of training modules and videos;

2. *Invites* regional centres to play an active role in providing assistance to facilitate the effective participation in the work of the Committee, including through the exchange of information and expert knowledge in their areas of expertise;

3. *Invites* parties and observers in a position to do so to contribute to the work of the Committee and to provide financial support to facilitate the effective participation by parties in that work.

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[2] http://chm.pops.int/Implementation/TechnicalAssistance/OnlineLibrary/tabid/2539/Default.aspx.

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Workplan for the intersessional period between the eleventh and twelfth meetings of the Committee

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Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. In accordance with paragraph 28 of its terms of reference, for each of its meetings the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee prepares risk profiles and risk management evaluations as required by Article 8 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. To undertake this task, it establishes an intersessional working group for each chemical and agrees on a workplan for completing the drafts.

2. To support the working groups in carrying out their activities, the Secretariat has developed a draft workplan for the preparation of the risk profiles and risk management evaluations during the intersessional period between the eleventh and twelfth meetings of the Committee (see annex). The schedule may require adjustment, depending on the dates of the twelfth meeting.

II. Proposed action

3. The Committee may wish to adopt, with any amendments, the draft workplan for the preparation of risk profiles and risk management evaluations during the intersessional period between its eleventh and twelfth meetings.

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Annex

Draft workplan for the preparation of risk profiles and risk management evaluations during the intersessional period between the eleventh and twelfth meetings of the Committee

Scheduled date	*Interval between activities (weeks)*	*Activity (for each chemical under review)*
23 October 2015	–	The Committee establishes an intersessional working group
30 October 2015	1	The Secretariat requests parties and observers to provide the information specified in Annex E for risk profiles and Annex F for risk management evaluations
11 December 2015	6	Parties and observers submit the information specified in Annex E for risk profiles and Annex F for risk management evaluations to the Secretariat • The Secretariat sends a reminder to parties and observers regarding the request for information by 13 November 2015
22 January 2016	6	The working group chair and the drafter complete the first draft • The chair sends the first draft to the Secretariat by 21 January 2016 • The Secretariat sends the first draft to the working group by 22 January 2016
5 February 2016	2	The members of the working group submit comments on the first draft to the chair and the drafter
19 February 2016	2	The working group chair and the drafter finish their review of the comments from the working group and complete the second draft and a compilation of responses to those comments • The chair sends the second draft to the Secretariat by 19 February 2016
26 February 2016	1	The Secretariat distributes the second draft to parties and observers for comments
8 April 2016	6	Parties and observers submit their comments to the Secretariat
29 April 2016	3	The working group chair and the drafter review the comments from parties and observers and complete the third draft and a compilation of responses to those comments • The chair sends the third draft to the Secretariat by 29 April 2016 • The Secretariat sends the third draft to the working group by 2 May 2016
13 May 2016	2	The members of the working group submit their final comments on the third draft to the chair and the drafter
27 May 2016	2	The working group chair and the drafter review the final comments and complete the fourth (final) draft and a compilation of responses to those comments • The chair sends the final draft to the Secretariat by 27 May 2016
3 June 2016	1	The Secretariat sends the final draft to the Division of Conference Services, United Nations Office at Nairobi, for editing and translation
29 July 2016	8	The Division of Conference Services completes the editing and translation of the final draft
5 August 2016	1	The Secretariat distributes the final draft in the six official languages of the United Nations
19–23 September 2016	6	Twelfth meeting of the Committee